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British Peer Involved In Incident In W. Germany

Bielefeld, Germany, Apr. 4.

A West German police official announced on Wednesday that British authorities will be asked to prosecute Lord Russell of Liverpool on charges of injuring several Germans in an altercation last weekend.

British authorities had previously claimed that Lord and Lady Russell were assaulted by a German mob last Saturday night at Vlotho, near here, when they tried to pass through a parade of Germans in their car.

German authorities denied this and today H. Linne, Chief of the Detached Police, said he would ask British authorities to try Lord Russell for injuring at least two persons and violating traffic regulations. Linne asserted this had been established by police investigation.

Lord Russell is the Deputy Judge Advocate General to all British troops in Europe.

"ENGLISH FIGS" Lord Russell had stated that the had been punched and his wife scratched on the neck and back by members of an angry crowd who were shouting "English pigs."

The German police claimed that Lord Russell had been asked by a policeman to have his car detour around the crowd, which was celebrating the opening of a bridge.

Lord Russell refused, the police said, but added that in spite of this, the policeman on duty "tried everything possible" to enable Lord Russell's car to proceed through the crowd.

Chief Linne said a policeman who helped to guide the car through was slightly injured when he got jammed between Lord Russell's car and a farmer's cart. Other persons were injured, and damage was caused. — Associated Press.

Warning To Press Correspondents

Teheran, Apr. 4.

A high Persian Government official today told the Foreign Press Association that Persia may refuse to transmit foreign press cables if they endanger State security, but he denied the institution of censorship.

He strongly attacked "false and alarming statements about the situation here by certain foreign correspondents." He did not say which stories were objectionable, but said: "Reuters is not involved." — Reuters.

Soviet Envoys Arrive



A Soviet diplomatic party on their way to Burma arrived in Hongkong from Canton yesterday afternoon and immediately boarded the ss Tairea which left last night for Rangoon. The party included seven wives and four daughters of some of the officials. This picture shows some of the mission leaving the KCR station, led by Mr. A. I. Salveliev who is head of the diplomatic mission. — Staff Photographer.

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Attlee Must Remain In Hospital

London, Apr. 4.

The British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, who is suffering from a duodenal ulcer, must remain in hospital "for a further period," his doctors said today.

In a bulletin on the Premier's condition the doctors, W. Ferguson Harman and Professor G. W. Pickering, said: "The Prime Minister's duodenal ulcer is responding slowly to treatment. In our opinion it will be necessary for Mr. Attlee to remain in hospital for a further period to enable his ulcer to heal completely."

Mr. Attlee went into hospital on March 29 last.—Reuters.

NEW DIRECTIVE TO MacA

Bomb M'churia If Reds Use Air Force RAYBURN'S WARNING

Washington, Apr. 4.

Authoritative sources said today that General MacArthur has been authorized to unleash an all-out air attack against the Chinese Communist air bases in Manchuria, if the Reds send in their full air force against United Nations troops in Korea.

This authorization was given to General MacArthur several weeks ago by the US Joint Chiefs of Staff after they learned that the Chinese had 600 to 800 warplanes based within a short distance of the Korean frontier.

Diplomatic sources confirmed this information from military officials and said these instructions were a way of conveying the United Nations aims to keep the war confined to Korea if possible. They pointed out that the original directive to Gen. MacArthur from the UN authorized him to establish peace "in the general area of Korea." They said the US could not be expected to "stand idly by" while a United Nations troops were decimated by air attacks launched from behind the sanctuary of the Yalu River.

For diplomatic reasons, the United States thus far has abstained from bombing Chinese air bases, because the Chinese planes were few in number and their effect was inconsequential. However, authorities here have envisaged the possibility of an all-out Chinese air assault and have informed Gen. MacArthur that in the event of such attack it is a tactical situation which must be dealt with "in an obvious manner."

This was interpreted by Gen. MacArthur as authorizing a direct assault on Chinese air bases in Manchuria, and Washington has concurred in his assessment.

There is no great desire in official circles here to keep secret Gen. MacArthur's instructions in this respect, since the United States is not adverse to Chinese Communists knowing what the United States will do in the event of a full-scale attack. (Continued on Page 10 Col. 6)

Big Four Deputies Meeting British Delegate's Two Proposals

Paris, Apr. 4.

The British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ernest Davies, at today's 23rd meeting of the Foreign Ministers deputies, asked the Soviet delegate, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, to consider these two disarmament proposals:

(1) The possibility of the four Ministers instructing their representatives to begin talks to break the deadlock on this question at the United Nations.

(2) The Foreign Ministers discussing the possibility of a pact to be introduced into the United Nations following a general reduction of armaments.

Mr. Gromyko said that he could not reply immediately to Mr. Davies' suggestions.

Mr. Gromyko had earlier submitted a new Soviet proposal for the first point of the proposed agenda.

The three Western Powers reserved their position after saying that it raised some difficulties. Mr. Gromyko, who presented the new Soviet proposal, referred again to the importance his Government attached to the inclusion in the agenda of the North Atlantic Treaty and American bases overseas.

He also insisted that an item dealing with the Italian peace treaty and its provisions for the Trieste Free Territory should be included.

The new Soviet text for the first point of an agenda was announced by a spokesman.

It reads: "Examination of the causes and effects of present international tension."

As opposed to the latest Western proposals submitted on Monday this still lists demilitarization of Germany as the first point among the "causes and effects" of present international tension.

The Western draft lists, first, the question of the existing level of armaments and reduction of armaments and then brings in German demilitarization as the second point.

The Russians also take first the question of their reduction, mentioning only subsequently their present level. The Western deputies have insisted throughout the four weeks' conference that it would be "more logical" to discuss the existing level of armaments first and then tackle the question of reduction.

The Russians in their latest proposal also only refer to a reduction of armaments by the "Big Four" while the Western Powers want to discuss the question of armaments and armed forces on a wider basis—"including" the "Big Four."

A Soviet spokesman said his delegation hoped that the Western Powers would raise no objections to the new Russian proposal.—Reuters.

REBELS STILL RETREATING

Saigon, Apr. 4.

Viet Minh forces were reported by a French Army communiqué to be still retreating today after their offensive launched last week on the mountainous Dongkieu front.

They were withdrawing north of a road running from Tonkin's port of Haiphong westwards towards Sept Pagodes, parallel with the Haiphong-Hanoi road.

They had launched the offensive about 45 miles northeast of the North Vietnam capital of Hanoi.

A strong French Union patrol unit from Hongay, in the coastal region about 25 miles northeast of Haiphong, engaged the south-eastern part of the Dongkieu mountain group without encountering resistance, the communiqué stated.

French Union mobile forces dispersed concentrations south-west of Haiphong, about 25 miles east of Hanoi. They killed 27 Viet Minh.—Reuters.

Troops Hear Glad News

From Edward Howat

Tonight I told the British troops of the Empire's Brigade the news they have waited for months to hear—that they are going home.

They had not heard of War Minister Stachey's announcement in the House of Commons that they would soon be relieved for they are fighting now and out of touch with the outside world.

I telephoned to the Brigade through a maze of military wires—1,000 miles from Tokyo to the front by high-powered telephone.

Captain Dick Graveston, blonde mustached Brigade intelligence officer answered. I had to shout "Stachey says you're going home. Going home soon."

Fairly his voice came back. "My God, that's terrific news. Captain Graveston said all the men have had for weeks were rumours. They bet fivers they would get the news in January, February or March. Each month the bets got bigger, but now they know."

These men of the Middlesex and Argyll who were the first British troops in Korea, have had a lot of fighting. First at the Nackon-River line, then up to North Korea, and then the great retreat. The last two months have seen them attacking again with the Australians and Canadians.

Tonight their line runs along the rugged, pine-covered hills on the 38th parallel.

It is reported here that they will be replaced by fresh forces from Hongkong—the base from which the Middlesex and Argyll were rushed to Korea. —London Express Service.

FIRE DESTROYS LARGE POWER STATION

Sion, Switzerland, Apr. 4.

Damage estimated at 10 to 12 million Swiss francs has been caused by a fire which completely destroyed the Chandoling hydro-electric power station near here.

A 29-year-old workman—one of two injured in the blaze—died early this morning from his burns. The fire was got under control early today after emergency calls had been sent to all surrounding fire brigades.

The fire is believed to have started in a transformer and to have spread rapidly with the explosion of a tank containing 40 tons of petrol. Swiss soldiers wearing gas masks managed to carry to safety explosives stored in the station.

The Chandoling station, which is one of the most important in Western Switzerland, was powered by piped water falling over 5,000 feet.—Reuter.

UN Troops Probe Further North Seeking Reds

Tokyo, Apr. 5.

United Nations forces punched across the 38th Parallel in three new places in North Korea on Wednesday against bristling Red resistance.

One armoured spearhead rammed four miles north of the Red Korean border. It was feeling its way toward the heart of the massive Communist buildup behind the West-Central front.

Chinese and Korean Red armies—an estimated 500,000 men—are believed colling for a great Spring offensive aimed at sweeping United Nations forces into the sea.

But the battle-wise Eighth Army was not sitting on its hands. The Army's communiqué reported an American force advanced in the Yonpyong area against "moderate to heavy resistance."

That is two miles inside Red Korea, 35 road miles northeast of Seoul and 20 road miles southwest of Kumhwa, big Red communications and supply centre. Kumhwa is the apex of the Chinese defence triangle north of the 38th.

To the east of that fresh crossing, a second tank and infantry task force plunged four miles into the Communist north in the Topyang area. This right flank column met heavy Red artillery and mortar fire.

THIRD CROSSING

The third crossing was made on the Central front. A field dispatch did not pinpoint the spot, but reported an American unit pushed a mile north of the Parallel and battled with Reds holding high ground.

Elsewhere on the Western and Central fronts, the Eighth Army communiqué reported limited advances.

On both the East Central and East coast fronts, only patrol action was reported. The Eighth Army said Republic of Korea (ROK) forces on the Sea of Japan coast had made no important enemy contact. The ROKs were at least 15 miles north of the Parallel.

Allied forces may be across the old political boundary in several other places along the 140 mile width of the mountainous peninsula. They were across on a 10 mile front on Tuesday in the Western sector, but were reported to have withdrawn.

United Nations fighters and bombers, ranging throughout North Korea without much opposition, continued to take a steady toll of Red troops and equipment.—Associated Press.

NIGHT BUILD-UP

Fifth Air Force HQ, Korea, Apr. 5.

The heavy Communist night supply build-up continued on Wednesday night.

Fifth Air Force night intruders reported observing about 1,600 vehicles moving along North Korean roads during the hours of darkness.

Tactical night fighters and bombers attacked more than 470 of the Communist vehicles and were able to observe the destruction or damage of at least 70 of those.

The heavy vehicular traffic along enemy supply lines has been maintained for one week with an average of nearly 1,700 vehicles observed each night.

From Pyongyang to Sierirov, another 70 vehicles were sighted moving south. All were attacked and seven were chained destroyed with six damaged.—United Press.

Salzburg Riots

15 Injured In Street Fighting

Salzburg, Austria, Apr. 4.

Fifteen persons were reported injured tonight in rioting between Jews, police and an anti-Semitic crowd in this American-zone city in Austria.

The street fighting broke out over the showing of the film "Eternal Beloved" by Velt Harlan, producer of the Nazi-ordered film, "Jew Sues."

First reports said that almost 1,200 people were involved in the fighting, which lasted more than an hour and a half.

Most of those injured were said to have been Jews. They demanded the withdrawal of the film, which has caused similar disturbances in Germany. The film has not yet been shown in Vienna.

The management announced the film would be withdrawn from tomorrow, but decided to go ahead with tonight's performance.

At about 6 p.m. the demonstrators blocked the street on which the cinema is located. Police, who were present in large numbers, demanded that traffic be permitted to pass.

POLICEMAN KICKED The police then forced a corridor through the crowd for an omnibus.

"Meanwhile enforcing a gangway for the city bus," an Austrian correspondent said, "one of the Jewish displaced persons kicked a policeman."

"Demonstrators were then pushed off the street, with police using their nightsticks. Several persons were injured in the course of this."

"Onlookers, numbering almost 1,000 persons, now took sides with the police and attacked the fleeing Jews. Onlookers bent up the Jewish demonstrators whenever they got hold of them."

"The fight continued on the main street as well as on nearby side streets," the correspondent said.—Associated Press.

Criticises Govt Controls

Sydney, Apr. 4.

Mr. Erick Harrison, deputy leader of the Liberal Party and President Minister for Australia in London for the last 12 months, attacked controls in Britain in an interview on his return to Sydney tonight.

Mr. Harrison has returned to contest his seat at the elections on April 28.

He said Socialist controls had sacrificed the strength and well-being of the people of Britain.

"I have seen something of what Socialistic controls can do to the morale of a once-free people," he said. "England today you have the spectacle of a great race of people that have become tired of the controls clamped down against them." —Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

New Burdens For Britons

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer's memorandum outlining Britain's future economic prospects promises a grim and unpopular Budget for next Tuesday. None of the huge surplus can be used to bring about tax relief; on the contrary, heavier demands must be made on the public purse to help finance rearmament and stockpiling. Of greater concern, however, is the warning that the British people must suffer reduced living standards—that they will have to pay more and receive less. This unpleasant revelation inevitably means a serious blow to morale, already fairly low, and will bring additional unpopularity to a Government which has fast been losing the confidence of the people. It must be conceded, however, that the Chancellor of the Exchequer and his colleagues are squaring up to realities. The defence and security of Western Europe is at stake and Britain, naturally and rightly, has substantial commitments towards the strengthening of those defences. Nor do the British people desire to avoid their responsibilities. This being accepted, it becomes the government's duty to decide what policy shall govern the financing of the rearmament programme. Mr. Attlee's Cabinet is of the opinion that as much as possible shall be paid for immediately, thus avoiding thrusting an impossible burden on future generations. Moreover, the British Government believes that by so doing it can prevent or at least curb ruinous inflation. One effect of this policy is to deny the public, still further, a variety of everyday commodities, which automatically reduces living standards. The Government's problem will be to cushion the effect of these shortages to cause the least possible discomfort and inconvenience.

But while the public will probably accept commodities scarcity with customary coolness, the rank and file are bound to react sharply to any substantial increase in prices. The Government expects the trade unions to refrain from agitating for wage hikes, but if the purchasing power of the Pound continues to decline, these demands are certain to be made. The relation of wages and profits to increased production requirements must inevitably become a preoccupation for trade union representatives, and is something to which they expect the Government to devote considerable, as well as sympathetic, attention. The demand for sacrifices can be loyally met up to a point, but the workers will be quick to appreciate a situation which indicates they are being asked to carry too heavy a share of the burdens. Greater production is the vital essence of the Government's programme for the next three years; production not only of armaments for defence, but of hard currency earning commodities. This calls for a delicate balance in the distribution of raw materials as well as a careful allocation of priorities. This will probably prove to be the severest test of official organising for a government which has made a fetish of planning. But in the final analysis the success of the government's policies and programmes rests upon the co-operation of the manufacturers and workers, and it is the government's responsibility to satisfy them that neither are being made to suffer unnecessary sacrifices and that the economy of the country is not disastrously impaired by additional burdens. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will be expected to offer assurances on these points when he presents his Budget next week.

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Cuts In BBC's Budget

Angry Exchanges
In Commons

London, Apr. 4. The Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, said in the House of Commons today that it was misleading to assume that the British Broadcasting Corporation was to make any major cut in its expenditure over last year.

In stormy exchanges, Conservative Members had attacked the reductions in expenditure which they said would diminish Britain's voice in the field of information.

Mr Morrison said that last year the Corporation's grant in aid was £4,065,000. This year it would be £4,050,000. What was to be cut was the amount originally planned for this year—£5,300,000.

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End Of Reds' Supply Line



Two direct hits by napalm bombs turn these Red supply trains into a roaring inferno after strikes by U.S. B-26 bombers. The American airmen spotted the trains on a main line running between Wonsan and Pyongyang in North Korea and promptly applied the torch.—AP Photo.

Dentist May Have Clue To Remains Found In Jungle

Rio De Janeiro, Apr. 4.

The key to the question whether the skeletal remains found in a jungle grave in the interior of Brazil are those of Colonel Percy Fawcett may be the teeth.

The head of the Brazil Central Foundation, Arquemedes Pereira de Lima, believes a London dentist has records of the legendary British explorer's dentures.

Professor de Lima, who made the announcement on Tuesday of the discovery of what might be Colonel Fawcett's remains, said the cranium and jawbones with teeth intact were among the bones found. The entire skeleton was not found.

Colonel Fawcett and his son Jack disappeared into the jungle fastness in June 1925 and never returned.

A Brazilian exploring expedition, now in the Indian territory of Kalapalos, advised the Central Foundation by radio that it had recovered part of what was believed to be Colonel Fawcett's remains. Professor de Lima did not know the name of the dentist nor was he certain whether the records actually existed.

The bones, which are now in the jungle outpost of Chavaneia, will probably be brought to Rio de Janeiro for examination, and the jaws with the teeth may be sent to London.

Professor de Lima said it was long supposed that the British explorer was killed by Kalapalos Indians. The expedition questioned the Indians, and after long negotiations the Indians agreed to take the expedition to the grave in exchange for gifts of about seven pounds of red, blue and white beads.

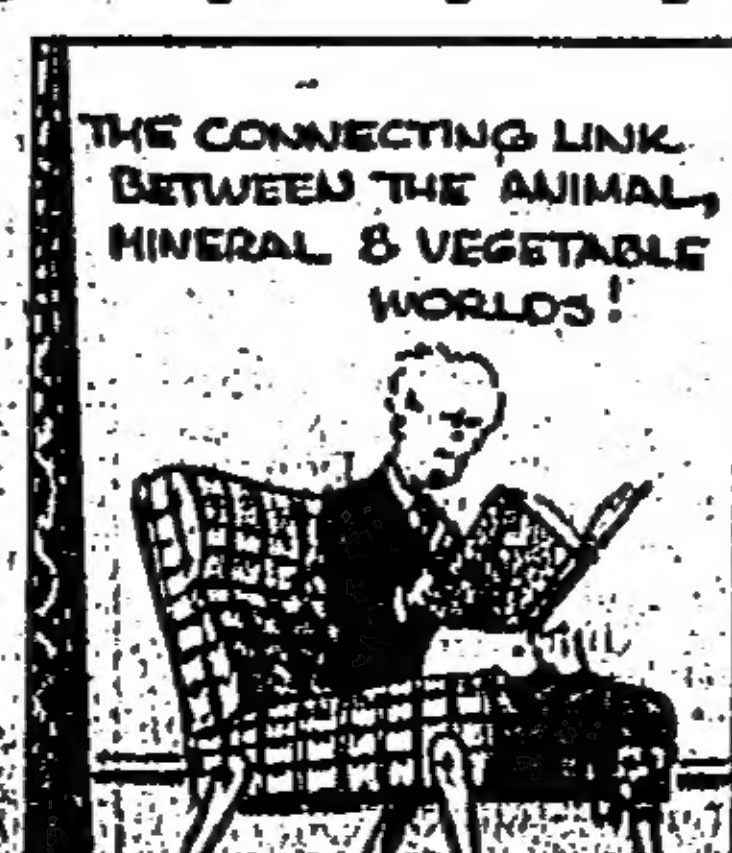
Whether it actually was Colonel Fawcett's grave or whether the Indians led them to another grave attracted by the beads was not certain.—United Press.

TOOK FIVE YEARS

Rio De Janeiro, Apr. 4. Six pounds of colored beads and a few fishing lines were flown to Central Brazil's River-of-the-Dead region today to reward semi-savage Indians who pointed out the grave of a white man believed to be Colonel Fawcett, the British explorer.

Government explorer Orlando Vilasboas, who opened the grave, promised the beads to the Indians if they would help him recover the remains of Fawcett, his son Jack, and their American companion, Raleigh Rimmeil. The three disappeared in 1925 on an expedition to find lost Atlantis. Vilasboas said it took him five years to persuade the Indians to show him Fawcett's grave. They were reluctant to stay in the area, he added.

POP



SECRET ANGLO-US OIL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

Washington, Apr. 4.

Secret Anglo-American oil talks will open here next Monday to discuss the threat to the Western Powers' oil supply created by Persia's decision to nationalise the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, Reuter learned authoritatively today.

The talks will be opened for Britain by the Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, and for the United States by the Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs, Mr George McGhee.

Officials told Reuter tonight that the conference would discuss lines of action and policy to be followed by Britain and the United States to preserve the use by the non-Communist world of the vast oil resources of Persia.

The Soviet Government is presumed to want a share of the oil if British interests are driven out.

Several proposals have been discussed by British and American officials here preparatory to next week's talks.

It all depends upon what line of action will be followed by the Persian Government to implement the decision of Parliament to nationalise oil.

Meanwhile, it is reported in London that observers there thought that next week's Anglo-American talks in Washington represent an attempt by both countries to think out a solution of the oil problem which would prove adaptable to Persian as well as to British interests during the two months in which the Persian Parliament's Oil Committee sits to report on practical means of effecting nationalisation.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, was asked in Parliament today about nationalisation proposals in Persia and Iraq affecting Anglo-Iranian and other concessions and whether he would consult with the United States—so that both countries would have a common policy over oil concessions in the Middle East.

Mr Morrison said that he would bear the suggestion in mind.—Reuter.

CANT BE LOST

New York, Apr. 4. Loss of Middle East oil cannot be tolerated, the trade magazine Oil Forum said in its April issue published today. Estimating the potential oil reserves of the Middle East at a total of 277,000,000,000 barrels, the publication valued them at about \$500,000,000,000.

It said Russia's aim was to deprive the Western nations of this valuable oil, and consequently realistic defence steps should be taken to protect the oil and build up stronger friendship with the peoples of the Middle East.

"Fortunately there is a powerful kickback to any Soviet designs on Middle East oil due to the fact that some of their own major oilfields and refineries are centred in the Caspian Sea area and are very vulnerable to attack by air. Without question, any military invasion of the Middle East by Russia would see all its own oil installations in the entire area virtually wiped out by the United Nations air fleet or at least severely damaged."

It said that destruction of a great part of Russia's oil resources, if accomplished quietly enough, would hamper any long war in Europe.—United Press.

"ONLY SOLUTION"

New York, Apr. 4. Kamel Bey Abdul Rahim, Egyptian Ambassador to the United States, said in a lecture address here today that only American leadership could solve Near Eastern problems and "rescue it from the tentacles of Communism and Imperialism."

He advocated a Near Eastern bloc similar to the North Atlantic Pact and settlement of the friction that exists between the Near Eastern countries and the Western world.

"Regional organization of the Near Eastern countries, with 200,000,000 inhabitants, with great deposits of essential strategic resources and important air and sea communications is of the greatest importance," he said in a Town Hall lecture.

He asked American help in the evacuation of British troops in Egypt, the Sudan and Jordan and an end of the "colonial system" in North Africa.

He also urged that refugees in Palestine be returned to their homes and given help to start a new life.

He said that since the Near East was in a "healthy psychological condition" and morally prepared for all eventualities "it could be brought into Western defence plans if deemed necessary"—Reuter.

West German Call To End Controls

Cologne, Apr. 4. The Federation of West German Industries tonight called for a removal of the Allied restrictions on German economy, reduced domestic consumption and increased exports as part of its plan to overcome West Germany's growing economic difficulties.

The call to end restrictions was largely cutback by yesterday's Allied High Commission announcement removing important controls on West German industry in the interests of Western defence.

In its plan submitted to the West German Government, the Federation offered to take over orders which factories in the United States and other Western countries were too over-burdened to fulfil.

It planned to send a delegation to the United States soon in order to integrate West Germany's economy with the joint production power of the other Western countries.

The delegation would also confer with Mr Charles Wilson, Administrator of the United States Defence Mobilisation Office.—Reuter.

Auriol Visit Winding Up

New York, Apr. 4. President Vincent Auriol of France will end his three-day visit to New York today after attending a round of receptions and official parties despite a severe cold and a temperature of 100 degrees.

The President will drive to Hyde Park for lunch with Mrs Roosevelt and then visit the United States Military Academy at West Point. Returning to New York, he will look over the United Nations skyscraper headquarters in Manhattan and attend a reception and a dinner at his hotel. He will leave for Montreal at 11:30 p.m.

M. Auriol, accompanied by Mme. Auriol, has had a busy and strenuous visit in New York on his goodwill tour of the United States.

In a speech on Tuesday night at a dinner at the home of M. Jean Chauvel, the French United Nations delegate, the French President said the United Nations remains the great hope of mankind. He said: "One must abide by one's signature. One must prove one's sincerity by one's acts. One must respect international obligations and co-operate to ensure the proper functioning and the effectiveness of the institutions of the United Nations."—United Press.

VIETNAM ENVOY TO BRITAIN

London, Apr. 4. Mr Tran Van Don, first Vietnamese Minister to Britain, will arrive in London from Paris on Saturday morning to take up his appointment. It was authoritatively stated here.

The nucleus of a Vietnamese Legation in London was formed recently with Mr. Anh as the Legation's First Secretary.—Reuter.

Protest Made To Chile

London, Apr. 4. The Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, told the House of Commons today that Britain had protested to Chile against the setting up of a third Chilean base on Paradise Island in the Antarctic.

He described the Chilean action as an "act of trespass on British territory in the Falkland Islands Dependencies."

A protest would be made to Argentina if Argentine Press reports of the establishment of another Argentine base in the Falkland Islands Dependencies were confirmed.—Reuter.

Russian Jets Are Inferior

Chicago, Apr. 4. A jet propulsion expert said today that Russian jet fighters in Korea were believed inferior to the best American planes, but have outtraced them in sudden bursts of speed.

Dr John Retzlaff told the Mid-West Power Conference that the Russian MIG-15 jet may be equipped with an afterburner rocket assist system or liquid injection to give it added thrust.

Dr Retzlaff, President and Dean of Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology, is one of the nation's foremost authorities on jet propulsion.

He said some reports indicate the MIG-15 is capable of supersonic speeds. Nevertheless, he said, the American F-86 Sabre jet, which has engaged the MIG-15 in Korean combat, is probably superior except for acceleration. The Sabre, with a top speed of 710 miles per hour, is "recognized as the world's fastest operational plane."

Dr Retzlaff said the afterburner is a device installed in the tail pipe, to the rear of the main jet engine, and augments thrust by burning additional fuel in the jet gases. Another method of augmenting thrust was the use of rockets set off when desired by the pilot.

Several American planes were equipped with the afterburner and rocket assist feature. Liquid injection involved the introduction of liquids into the gas turbine jet engine cycle to increase the thrust normally produced.—United Press.

MITTERAND'S RESIGNATION

Paris, Apr. 4. The French Minister of Overseas, France, M. Francois Mitterand, resigned tonight after a virtual vote of censure in the National Assembly.

Political circles thought that the Premier, M. Henri Queuille, would be able to persuade M. Mitterand to withdraw his resignation and that the incident would not prove serious.

M. Mitterand, a near Radical, resigned after the Assembly voted by 241 votes to 173, a symbolic cut of 1,000 francs in the Minister's salary during a debate on the estimates for his Ministry.

This vote was a protest against the policy followed by M. Paul Bechard, French High Commissioner for French West Africa. M. Mitterand had rejected the criticisms and said that he accepted full responsibility for M. Bechard's action.—Reuter.

Table dotty!



Missing Britons Reappear

Bonn, Apr. 4. Two British soldiers, absent and believed in the Soviet Zone since last December, arrived back in West Germany under a military escort today, a British spokesman stated here.

The two men disappeared from an engineering unit in West Germany on Dec. 9. The spokesman said that an investigation would be held to see why they had been absent and if a court martial should be held.—Reuter.

Senate Votes On Vital Troops Issue

Administration Plan Approved

Washington, Apr. 4. The United States Senate gave an overwhelming vote of approval today to send 100,000 more American soldiers to the defence of Western Europe.

A roll call vote of 89 to 21 approved the so-called troops for Europe resolution.

Climaxing nearly three months of "great debate," it endorsed Administration plans to put four additional divisions into the International Army being organized under General Dwight D. Eisenhower to defend the nations of the North Atlantic treaty against possible Russian aggression. Two divisions now in Europe already have been assigned to him.

But the resolution also carried a rebuke to President Harry Truman for his stand that he has power to send troops without consulting Congress. This was by inclusion of a clause saying he should not send additional reinforcements without further Congressional approval.

The resolution is not binding on the President. Rather it is a document of advice and admonition to Mr. Truman.

The President has contended throughout the long debate that he has full authority and the duty under the Constitution to deploy troops around the world as he sees fit for the national best interests. But he has said that he intended to consult Congress as a matter of courtesy.

The Senate acted first on a resolution expressing only its own views and not calling for House consideration. Pending for later action was a second similar resolution which, if approved by the Senate, would go on to the House.

Actual movement of troops to Europe may begin soon. There have been hints at the Pentagon that plans were ready but are being held up until Congress had its say. It was not clear whether the Senate action alone would set off the movement or whether there would be a further wait for a House expression.—Associated Press.

Truman May Not Run For Another Term In 1952

Washington, Apr. 4.

The belief is growing in Washington that President Truman may not run in 1952 for a third term at the White House.

The President himself has not said so directly but his publicly expressed desire to re-enter the Senate has been widely interpreted as meaning that he is considering withdrawing from the next Presidential race.

Most observers believe that in this event General Dwight Eisenhower, now Commander-in-Chief of the North Atlantic Pact Army, would be the man most likely to succeed President Truman—if he chose to run.

In public speeches to Congressmen recently, President Truman has twice talked of his love for the Senate and his happy days there and said he wished he could return.

As a Senator, the President had represented Missouri and was called to the White House on the death of President Roosevelt.

A number of factors are seen here as likely to influence President Truman's decision about fighting another Presidential election.

Recently, a Constitutional amendment limiting future Presidents to two terms, or a maximum of 10 years in office, was ratified by the required 36 of the 48 States.

This amendment specifically exempted President Truman from its provisions; but it is known that he respects the two-term tradition and the fact that the amendment expresses popular sentiment.

Political experts consider it noteworthy that the President recently complimented a magazine writer on an article in which he said that Mr. Truman really did not want to run again for the Presidency.

Current predictions are that the President will be made public his intentions until the Democratic Convention next year at which the Democratic candidate for the Presidency will be selected.

Then, unless war or major political upheavals intervene, he is thought likely to announce his decision to leave the White House in January, 1953.

This would mean that the Republicans, who normally hold their convention ahead of the Democrats, would be kept in the dark as to the identity of the man they would have to beat to carry the Republican banner back into the White House, after almost twenty years.

The last Republican President was Mr. Herbert Hoover, who has once more projected himself into the political arena by starting the "Great Debate" on foreign policy.

Mr. Hoover opposed President Truman's policy of sending United States Army divisions to strengthen General Eisenhower's North Atlantic Pact Army as a bulwark against any Russian aggression in Europe. He advocated instead that the nation should concentrate on building

up a "Fortress America" protected by great sea and air power.

POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS
The prospect of President Truman's withdrawal from the 1952 race is stimulating widespread speculation as to his successor.

General Eisenhower, "Mister Republican" Senator Robert Taft, of Ohio, Democrat Senator Paul Douglas, of Illinois, Republican Senator James Duff, former Governor of Pennsylvania, and Chief Justice Fred Vinson of the Supreme Court are men prominently mentioned.

Senator Taft supports the Hoover philosophy.

General "Ike," who commands tremendous respect throughout the nation, is regarded as having the best chance of becoming the next President—if he chose to run and President Truman withdrew.

He has, however, avoided political attachment so astutely that even the political experts are not able definitely to label him as a Democrat or a Republican.

The "Internationalist" wing of the Republican Party, headed by Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, is a hard-core Presidential candidate himself, is calling on the General to head the Republican ticket in 1952.

LITTLE DOUBT
Governor Dewey, who opposes the policies of Senator Taft and his conservatives in the Middle West, is certain that General Eisenhower would have little difficulty in defeating the Senator for the party nomination.

On the other hand, if President Truman were not a candidate, there is a strong possibility that the Democrats would want the General to go forward as their candidate.

If Mr. Taft were to get the Republican nomination, there is little doubt that General Eisenhower, feeling as he does about the Senator's stand against troop commitments in his Pact Army, would require little persuasion to fight him for the Presidency.

Senator Taft, who has failed three times since 1940 to get his Party's approval to contest the Presidency, is considered to have improved his chances by his landslide victory over a Democrat opponent in the November Congressional election campaign.

The Party accepted his leadership in Congress on domestic policy, but his recent moves to engineer foreign policy have caused a wide split within it.—Reuter.

Bernhard In Argentina

Buenos Aires, Apr. 4. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands arrived at Casa Rosada today to meet the Argentine President, General Juan Domingo Peron.

The Prince, dressed in a black and gold uniform with several rows of medals, drove in an open state landau along the mile and a half route from the Alvear Palace Hotel to the Casa Rosada, the Government House in the Plaza Mayo Square.

The landau, carrying the Prince and his Dutch and Argentine aides, and officials of the Argentine foreign office.

A company of horse grenadiers, with drawn sabres, headed the cavalcade and brought up the rear. They wore blue parade uniforms, red striped pants and gold-branded hats. State coaches and footmen in cockaded gold and black livery lent further colour to the scene.—United Press.

Bonn Ceremony

Bonn, Apr. 4. Diplomatic representatives from seven nations and the Vatican presented their credentials today to the West German President, Dr. Theodor Heuss.

They were the first to establish direct relations with Western Germany since the war. Until a month ago, when Western Germany was authorized to set up a Foreign Office, foreign representatives here were accredited to the occupation High Commission.

Relations between Germany and the East German Government will be conducted through the High Commission for the time being.—United Press.

The Yeomen On Parade



Colonel E. H. Carkeet-James, Resident Governor and Major of the Tower of London, shown inspecting the Yeomen Warders during the annual Easter Sunday Parade at the famous fortress.

Businessman Tells Story Of Deals In Army Surplus

Washington, Apr. 4. An account of big money payments in the highly profitable purchase and re-sale of surplus Army trucks was outlined to a House of Representatives Investigating Committee today by a Chicago dealer.

Mr. Morris Green, of Green-Brothers Truck Sales Company, told an executive expenditures subcommittee he paid fees and commissions totalling \$279,000 on the re-sale of 1,000 surplus Army trucks purchased in the Philippines.

WHO'S WHO A PUZZLE FOR TOMMIES

With the British troops in Korea, Apr. 4. The big question that the officers and men of the British Commonwealth troops in Korea are asking among themselves today was "Who's who?"

Moustached Koreans with closed cropped hair and closely combed to the North Koreans and Chinese Communists; soldiers wandered to and fro in the British Commonwealth lines. They were politely impressed by the British to carry food, ammunition and equipment into the rugged razor-backed hills. A few hundred yards north, troops were fighting and being fired upon by Communist soldiers dressed similarly and with exactly the same facial features.

As a British Commonwealth forward post was controlling a stiff engagement by troops a few hundred yards forward, five heavily armed Asian soldiers climbed over the ridge and marched up to the commanding officer's tent.

They claimed to be South Korean soldiers who had been cut off in the general retreat in January, and who had been living in the hills ever since, waiting for the United Nations troops to return and relieve them.

But the British Commonwealth soldiers took no chances. They ignored the smiles and proffered handshakes of the Koreans and packed them off to security officers to make sure.

The troops remembered the story of the Chinese Communists two months ago walking into a Dutch command post claiming to be South Koreans. They then killed the Dutch commander.—Reuter.

ADVICE TO AUSTRALIA

With the Australian troops,

A representative of the Returned Servicemen's League, Brigadier Thomas Charles Eastwick, of Adelaide, South Australia, today warned Australians not to allow their country over to be turned into a battlefield.

Mr. Eastwick, who in the past 10 days has driven through the ravaged Korean countryside, said: "The destroyed villages, homeless people and the ravaged countryside which I have seen in Korea must never be allowed to come to Australia."

"This is the best recruiting propaganda I can think of to convince young Australians not to volunteer," he said.—Reuter.

Resignations From Gasperi Government

SEVEN OFFICIALS WITHDRAW

Rome, Apr. 4. Three Social Democrat Ministers and four Under-Secretaries tonight resigned from Premier Alcide de Gasperi's sixth post-war Coalition Government.

The Prime Minister is expected to fill their places with three of his present Ministers, postponing a Cabinet overhaul till municipal election results are known in 10 weeks' time.

The resignation of the three Ministers followed automatically from the decision of Italy's two Social Democrat parties to unite.

A main point of the unification agreement was that the Right-wing Social Democrats, led by Signor Giuseppe Saragat, should withdraw from the Government before linking up with the Left-wing group led by Signor Giuseppe Romita.

The Saragat Social Democrats accepted this condition by a narrow majority at dawn today. Formal unification of the two parties is expected to take place on May 1.

The three Ministers who resigned tonight were Ivan Matteo Limbardo, Minister of Foreign Trade; Alberto Silvestri, Minister of Merchant Marine; and Lodovico Daragona, Minister of Transport.—Reuter.

United Press adds that the resignations are not expected to cause a crisis.

Quake Areas Menaced By Floods

Calcutta, Apr. 4. Wide expanses of north-eastern and north-western Assam are threatened with inundation eight months after the lush Brahmaputra valley was ravaged by floods in the wake of the great earthquake of Aug. 15.

According to Press reports arriving from Gauhati, two dams in the mountains bordering Bhutan are threatening to burst. Air reconnaissance revealed that the dams are full to the brim, and it is feared that the impending monsoons will cause them to collapse.

A team of experts which visited the location suggested evacuation of threatened areas. The Government reportedly viewed the situation with grave concern and has taken emergency measures.

Recent incessant rain in north-east Assam has already caused floods. Fast-rising rivers rendered ferries inaccessible and set off a series of landslides. The Lohit River overflowed its banks in the vicinity of Sadia. Part of the town is 15 inches under water.—United Press.

NO CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION

London, Apr. 4.

The owners of two British ships recently released after being detained in Sumatra, the Mombasa and the Mowat, have so far submitted no claim for compensation, the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, told the Commons today.

"If such a claim were submitted we shall, of course, give it consideration," he told a questioner.—Reuter.

Appointment In Teheran

Teheran, Apr. 4.

Abdullah Entezam, head of the Persian diplomatic mission in Germany, has been appointed Foreign Minister in Hussein Ala Khan's Cabinet, it was announced today.

Abdullah's brother, Nazollah Entezam, is the permanent Persian delegate to the United Nations. The Prime Minister, Hussein Ala Khan, has been acting as Foreign Minister since his appointment as leader of the State.—Reuter.

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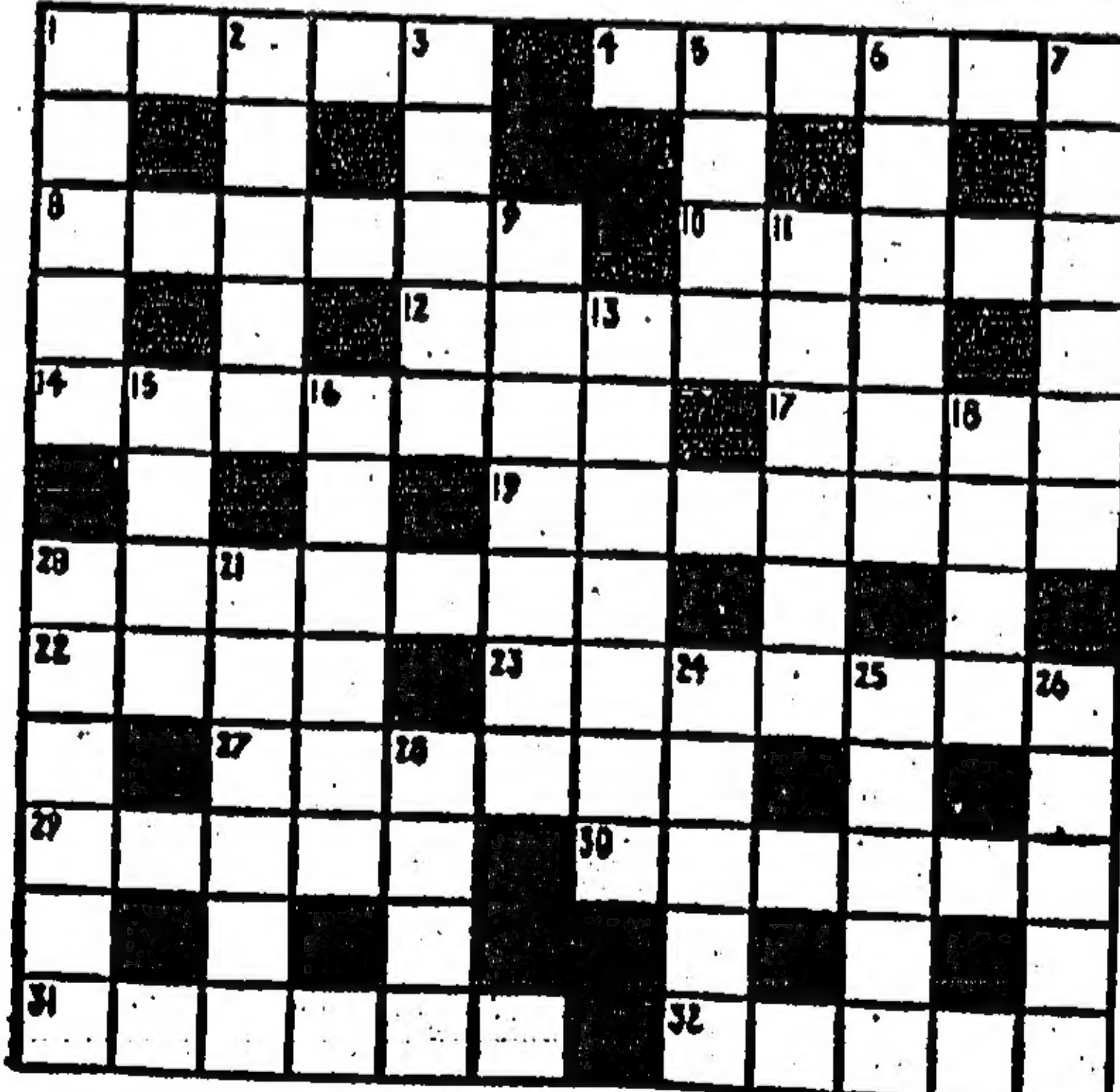
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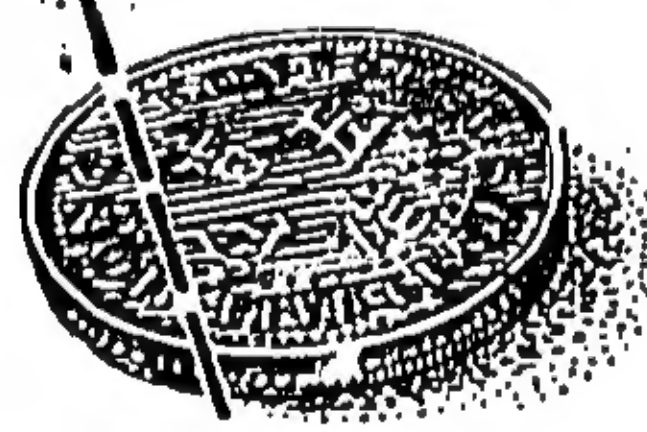
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IDDON'S DIARY

THIS column is being written without benefit of television cameras, klieg lights, 10,000 dollars in manila envelopes, or advice of learned counsel.

I do not mind answering questions that tend to incriminate me, nor do I stand on my constitutional rights, as I haven't any.

The only underworld I am familiar with is the New York subway and the London Underground.

Am I a rare specimen in this new goldfish-bowl America tuned-in to channel four and on the air, before the cameras night and day?

All screening

WELL, there are only a few of us left—our number is shrinking. Soon, nothing will be sacred and no one will be private.

The colossal public interest in the Senate Crime Committee inquiry has changed the face of the United States. It is now planned to televise almost everything—trials, Congressional debates, White House conferences, church services, weddings, funerals, and maybe even births and deaths.

It will be long before American attention is paid to America's chief ally, Great Britain. I await the demand that the Commons and Lords have their proceedings televised.

There is already evidence that the call for Britain to co-operate will come soon. My barber, chopping at my hair with his eye on a television screen, said: "Say, have the British got television—have they heard of it over there?"

Man Called Baird

I SAID: "The British invented it—a man called Baird. We also have barbers' shops, and wear shoes and everything—a little bit more off the top, please."

So it won't be long now. Brace yourselves for baring all. Vent, vid, TVel.

I hope the French President and his wife, M. and Mme. Auroel know what they are in for.

M. Auroel plans 30 after-dinner speeches in English, and his wife has brought 40 gowns from France's best designers to show the flag of fine French dress-making.

M. Auroel has arranged to give a news reception to which every member of the Senate and the House will be invited.

I cannot help comparing the noise with the editorial in the London Express of March 21, on the

elegant men's suits, only cables the magazine Newsweek about "the heavy residue of Anti-Americanism left in England by the train of recent events."

We have a lot to learn as propagandists and diplomats, and we had better learn fast in this new television age.

Taxpayers angry

I HAVE never known this city, which is always claiming that it has seen everything, so shaken with shock since it saw television.

The taxpayers are hopping mad—disgusted with the politicians and sick of the scandals. They harangue me: "That's how New York is run—politicians hobnobbing with crooks, secret pay-offs. What a bunch of bad Jews and good-time Charlies. It couldn't happen in London, could it?" I say, No.

Interest in the exposure of the crime network has been so all-absorbing that even the war in Korea has failed to command much attention.

The latest outpouring of words from Korea at least did not affect the Easter Week celebrations. This has been a lavish, rich, prosperous American Easter, and the parade looks like going on for several days.

Bright plumage

FIFTH AVENUE is banked with flowers and organ music fills the air in Rockefeller Centre. The women have never looked lovelier or worn brighter plumage. The shops are crammed with fancy foods—supplies of chocolates, sweets, marzipan, cakes, biscuits are limitless, and the Easter eggs are moppets and Mom's delight.

It hasn't all been feasting and parading. America's churches of all faiths were more crowded this Easter than ever before in history. There were great throngs inside and outside St. Patrick's Cathedral, and queues in front of churches throughout the city. This is the festival of faith and hope, and American churchmen announce a great revival in religion.

This rekindling of faith has brought new confidence that Communism will be contained. I am happy to report also that the ex-Communist is no longer being revered as an ultimate authority on our troubles.

It hasn't been a bad week at all for Britain. There have been some resounding advertisements inserted by American firms in newspapers, British coats, British tweeds, British flannels, available now.

Vigour And Verve

OUR Festival publicity, "Come first to Britain, at home to the world. Come to know a friendly people," is showing vigour and verve, and the British Overseas Airways Corporation is doing an outstanding job.

A city's growing advertisement columns do not always make sense. The editorial in the London Express of March 21, on the

And two of England's finest actors, Felix Aymer and Finlay Currie, are such successes in Hollywood that they are urged to stay on for more pictures.

Deborah Kerr and husband R.A.F. ace Anthony Bartley will be in England in May—its going to be old home month in old England for all of us. Deborah will star in "Ivanhoe."

Major-General Langley Browning took me out and introduced me to his daughter Colleen, a brilliant artist who is doing fine film and theatrical designs here. She did excellent work for "Odd Man Out" in England and should click on Broadway.

Terry-Thomas has telephoned to say that he was mortified when he was introduced in a television show as "Tommy Tucker." It can happen to anyone—I was called Don Bradman once.

Broadway remembers the time when Russia was famous for its caviare, not its boloney.

FOOTNOTE: The television camera never lies—which is more than can be said about some of the people who appear before it.

Is THIS the break in the big romance?

by PETER DACRE

ALY KHAN was touring Africa, hunting lions and dining with potentates such as the Emperor of Abyssinia. But his wife, film-star Rita Hayworth, was not at his side for the whole of the trip.

She left the expedition because "I cannot bear to be away from my children." Has Rita's perfectly natural maternal mood caused the separation, or are the gossips



JUST two years ago... dancing in Paris.

Could the dancing girl from New York, who was born Margarita Carmen Cansino, successfully become the wife of the heir to the spiritual head of 5,000,000 Moslems?

If love was all that mattered the affair got off to a fine start. It was the summer of 1940. Rita had left her second husband, Orson Welles.

From a Paris hospital she went to Cannes, and there society columnist Rita Maxwell set her next to Aly at dinner. After that they saw quite a lot of each other.

Admiral Cunningham discloses war secret no one 'dared to mention' PLOT TO ASSASSINATE CHURCHILL

by W. A. CRUMLEY

MR CHURCHILL was in Tripoli in 1943 seeing the gleam of victory on the helmets of the Eighth Army when MI5 discovered a plot to assassinate him as a reprisal for the killing of Admiral Darlan.

Everybody believed the attempt would be made, except Mr Churchill. Nobody who saw the wrath and contempt of Mr Churchill has dared to mention it again—until now.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Cunningham, who too has a mettlesome temper, breaks that top-brass secret of one crazy day eight years ago.

"We at General Eisenhower's headquarters in Algiers were electrified on being informed that the Prime Minister was coming on from Tripoli."

"In vain the War Office in London told him that it would be extremely dangerous to come, and that there was a plot to assassinate him. Eisenhower was also strongly opposed to the visit—all of which made Mr Churchill the more determined."

"He arrived by air early the next forenoon (February 5, 1943). Elaborate precautions were taken."

"We all met him at the airfield and the official procession with Eisenhower set out for Algiers by the direct route."

"The Prime Minister and I embarked in Eisenhower's special car, a heavily armoured vehicle with bullet-proof windows. Escorted by a couple of Jeeps, we drove into Algiers and to my villa by a most circuitous route. Mr Churchill grumbling and most impatient at the length of the drive."

The gun....

"We lunched at Eisenhower's villa—Giraud, de Gaulle, Nogues, and all the senior Frenchmen being present. The Prime Minister was supposed to take off again on his way home after lunch, but decided to remain until after dinner."

"A Sailor's Odyssey, by Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham of Hyndhope (Hutchinson 21s.) was published on March 21, on the tenth anniversary of Matapan, when his ships blew three Italian heavy cruisers and two destroyers out of the water, all at night. The Italian Battle Fleet never fought again. Only British casualties: One naval plane. (London Express Service)

to "blacken this wonderful, normal and healthy relationship between me and Rita," complained Aly.

Rita insisted that the marriage was happy "or would I want to spend so much time with my husband?"

But a little later she admitted she was thinking of going back to Hollywood. At Cannes she cancelled several parties, and did not go to one of the Aga Khan's.

When they left for a four months' African tour Rita sighed: "I am a bit frightened at the idea of lion hunting." Will the story have many more happy chapters? Or is the word "Fink" being written?

"We have always been victims of vicious tongue-cut people who tried to find every pretext

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Accent Was On Pitching In Two Deciding Battles In The Minor Loop

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With the end of the official season in sight, two more minor loop championships were decided over the week-end, with Squaws wrestling the Mamak Ladies' Junior Trophy from St. Teresa's through an 8-7 noseout, while the Midget Black-hawks annexed the Abilong knockout trophy with a 3-0 shutout against the Delawares.

Both games produced a comparatively high standard of play with the accent on pitching, which was mainly responsible for the victories for the Squaws and Delawares.

The ladies game witnessed Evellin Alonzo, undergirding her brawny arm as she was called in to extinguish a conflagration in the sixth inning with the score tied and two potential runners dancing on the base-paths, while Midget slubber Eduardo Ribero chucked a near-perfect game with only one bungle on the field behind his shrewd shutout.

For the first two chapters neither side could cross the plate and it was not until the third that St. Teresa's drew first blood after Sheila Colloco had singled and rounded the cushions on the bases, while the Squaws added another marker in the fourth when Gloria Silva drew a walk and coasted home on Theresa Remedios' three-bagger.

Not to be outdone, the Squaws fought back with a Big Inning rally with a cluster of four runs in the next semester and on a hitting attack which had the Torres dizzy on the field, but they were quick to snatch the lead again in their turn at bat when they registered three runs in rapid succession.

A pair of bunt hits, back to back, followed by Bertha Remedios' single, put the Squaws ahead once more and although Bertha showed signs of wavering in the bottom of the fifth canto, some fancy footwork by Nana Carvalho erased the threats at the mid-way cushion.

St. Teresa's started off the final frame with Betty Baptista working slinger Remedios for a walk. Bertha Remedios hit safely followed by Doreen Oozio's double for two runs, and the score was knotted at 7-7.

After Lella Gann had added to the hitting spree, coach Ren Squawina waved Bertha off the mound and gave Evellin Alonzo the nod to finish the game. It was an unenviable spot for a rookie to be shoved in, particularly with Gloria Gann at the batting rectangle, the most

terrifying of all the sluggers. Evellin weathered the ordeal by forcing Gloria to pop up and whiffed Gloria Silva next, and while Doreen Oozio tried a desperate steal home, Nana Carvalho promptly put the bee on her, and the Squaws tricked back to their wigs in a happy mood to celebrate their first pennant after a two-year search.

INTER-HONG SURPRISES
Several surprises were seen in the Inter-Hong series, with Rediffusion taking over the reins of the dark horses in the circuit. Starting out as just another ball team, they have dished out good performances and lost their only game to China Light after a ten inning struggle.

A page was torn out of fiction when left-fielder Young clouted out a home-run which broke up the ball game in favour of Rediffusion, but unfortunately Young pulled a "Fred Merkle" classic boner by forgetting to touch a base at the critical stage, and the run was ruled out. After this disheartening reversal, Rediffusion failed to stop China Light from scoring in the 10th semester.

Caltex, now heading the League, upset Gibbs for their third consecutive season and this disaster may well mean "bummers" for Gibbs when the time comes around for counting up the wins.

Sanyac battered three Shell hurriers last week to run away with a 15-0 triumph and blasted NTS 27-1 in the other half of their double-header. Rain washed out Tuesday's games and these will be re-games and these will be re-games and these will be re-games.

Although the Inter-Hong tussles do not provide the same amount of excitement and thrills as the weekly Senior League playoffs, nevertheless, the good natured ribes form an interesting sidelight, particularly as these are taken in the correct spirit.

SOFTBALL FIXTURES

Softball fixtures for this evening and the week-end, with umpires and scorers, are:

TODAY
Inter-Hong Series
5.45 p.m. Gibbs v Sanyac (T. Hussain, George Pang)
Jardines v Lowe Bingham's (Umbe Moss, B. Silva)

SATURDAY
Inter-Hong Series
2.30 p.m. NTS v Caltex (Lionel Sequiera, Tony Kwok)
NHB v Lowe Bingham's (Tony Silva, Manuel Nunes)

SUNDAY
Senior League Playoffs
2.30 p.m. St. Joseph's v Jaguars (Frank Ewins, Buster Holcher, Bob Low, Irene Bolecho)

4.00 p.m. Canadians v Braves (Wally Mar, Y. C. Mei, Raymond Tsao, Alice Mar)
Inter-Hong Series
10.00 a.m. NHB v Sanyac (Steven Xavier, Roberto Nunes)

Shell v Rediffusion (Ren Barretto, Tony Rey)
11.30 a.m. Union Insurance v China Light (H. Moosdeen, Eddie Marques)
1.00 p.m. NTS v Lowe Bingham's (L. Souza, George Pang)

HOW THEY STAND
MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE PLAYOFF
Won Lost Pctg
Braves 3 0 1.000
Jaguars 2 1 .667
Sanyac 2 1 .667
Canadians 0 3 .000

INTER-HONG SERIES
Won Lost Pctg
Caltex 2 0 1.000
Union Ins. 2 0 1.000
Gibbs 2 1 .667
NHB 2 1 .667
Rediffusion 2 1 .667
Shell 2 1 .667
Sanyac 2 2 .500
China Light 0 1 .000
Jardines 0 1 .000
Lowe Bingham's 0 3 .000
NTS 0 4 .000

Ladies' Hockey Trial Match

The following are requested to turn out for the Ladies' Hockey League trial at the Royal Naval No. 2 Ground, King's Park, at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning:

Mrs. Brandt, N. Buyers, F. Corrae, L. Danenberg, P. Faber, S. Franklin, H. Foley, Mrs. Giles, A. Graham-Cumming, S. Gray, Ham-Cumming, H. Hale, S. Hall, D. Handyside, M. Rodden, V. Jillett, R. Macdonald, B. MacNaughton, R. Phillips, R. Read, S. Oozio, D. Sanders, R. Scott, Mrs. A. Silva, Mrs. C. Silva, Mrs. Van Houten, L. Warning, S. Whitworth, S. Wintergreen and P. Wright.

All players are asked to turn out in white.

Today's Sports Fixtures
Sports fixtures for to-day are as follows:

TENNIS
Colon Open Championships, Singles Final, at Charter Road, commencing 4.30 p.m. K.C. Day v To Koon-hung.
Cowdell Cricket Club Spring Handicap, commencing 9.45 p.m.

SOCCER
Manila Collegians v Combined Christian Brothers' School, 3.00 p.m. at the Club Ground, 4.45 p.m.

COLONY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
at Headquarters, Land Forces, R.F. Sobey v K.S. Cheung, commencing 8 p.m.

FENCING
Colon Open Championships at Chinese YMCA, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

SOFTBALL
Inter-Hong League: Gibbs v Sanyac; Jardines v Lowe Bingham's. Both games at King's Park, commencing 8 p.m.

HOCKEY
Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force v YMCA at Tel. Tel. 2.30 p.m. at Pokfulam. 5.20 p.m. University v Argonauts "B" at Pokfulam.

DAIETS & TABLE TENNIS
Nine District Services Club Combined Table Tennis, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 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"POYANG"	Tientsin	3 p.m. 8th Apr.	
"SOOCHOW"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 8th Apr.	
"SIANGANG"	Tientsin & Tientsin	10 a.m. 10th Apr.	
"SHANGHAI"	Keelung	5 p.m. 10th Apr.	
"SINKIANG"	Singapore	5 p.m. 12th Apr.	
"KWEIYANG"	Belawan	5 p.m. 14th Apr.	
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 16th Apr.	
"PAKHOT"	Tokyo	5 p.m. 16th Apr.	
"YUNNAN"	Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 17th Apr.	
"SZECHUEN"	Tokyo	5 p.m. 18th Apr.	

ARRIVALS FROM

"POYANG"	Tientsin & Tientsin	2 p.m. 5th Apr.	
"KWEIYANG"	Bangkok	7th Apr.	
"SOOCHOW"	Sourabaya	8th Apr.	
"SIANGANG"	Djakarta & Sibit	8th Apr.	
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	8th Apr.	
"FUKIEN"	Singapore	11th Apr.	
"SZECHUEN"	Singapore	11th Apr.	
"ANKING"	Moji	11/12th Apr.	
"YUNNAN"	Bangkok	14th Apr.	

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"CHANGSHA"	Japan	2nd week May	
"TAIYUAN"	Sydney & Melbourne	22nd May	

ARRIVALS FROM

"TAIYUAN"	Sydney & Ports	24th Apr.	
"CHANGSHA"	Australia	1st week May	
"TAIYUAN"	Japan	10th May	

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Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said			
"PATROCLUS"	Marseilles Liverpool & Glasgow	9th Apr.	
"AUTOMEDON"	Liverpool & Glasgow	10th Apr.	
"AENEAS"	Casablanca, Dublin & Liverpool	25th Apr.	
"MYRMIDON"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	29th Apr.	

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Sails			
S. "AENEAS"	24th Feb.	5th Apr.	
"AUTOMEDON"	4th Mar.	14th Apr.	
"MYRMIDON"	7th Mar.	16th Apr.	
"FROMETHEUS"	Sailed	16th Apr.	
G. "PERSEUS"	18th Mar.	18th Apr.	
S. "BELLEROPHON"	21st Mar.	26th Apr.	
"MARON"	31st Mar.	4th May	
S. "ANTIOCHUS"	4th Apr.	9th May	
G. "PYRHIUS"	13th Apr.	20th May	

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G. CRILLY,
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We, Peters and Company, Limited of 36, Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong, hereby give notice that we have applied to the Minister of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Vessels (named below) of the Hong Kong Registry, for permission to change their names as follows:—

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3. Lighter "SIN TAI LUK" changed to "KAMLEY"—Off. No. 187674, Gross tonnage 150.48 tons.

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Teen-Agers Up In Arms

Eureka, California, Apr. 4. More than 400 teen-agers, linked at being called delinquents, forced the Eureka City Council to take action in an effort to stop the sale of liquor to minors.

A delegation of high school students appeared before the City Council meeting tonight to present a letter charging that the Council had failed its duty by not enforcing the liquor laws.

The letter, addressed to the Mayor and the Council, said: "We, some of the students of Eureka High School, feel that our teen-age problem rests in your hands, as our biggest problem involves alcoholic beverages. You have complained of teen-age behaviour but you have failed as the City Council to recognise your duty. We feel you can do something to reduce this (drinking) to the minimum. This is our problem. Why don't you deal with it?"

A joint meeting of teen-agers and Government officials will be held to find some means of controlling the sale of liquor to minors.—United Press.

Tito Rejection Of Protest

Belgrade, Apr. 4. The Yugoslav Government today rejected a Hungarian protest against an alleged assault on the Hungarian Charge d'Affaires, Istvan Harbec, by Tito's secret police during a street fight in Belgrade four days ago.

In a note to the Hungarian Government the Yugoslavs described the Hungarian charge as a complete distortion of the facts.

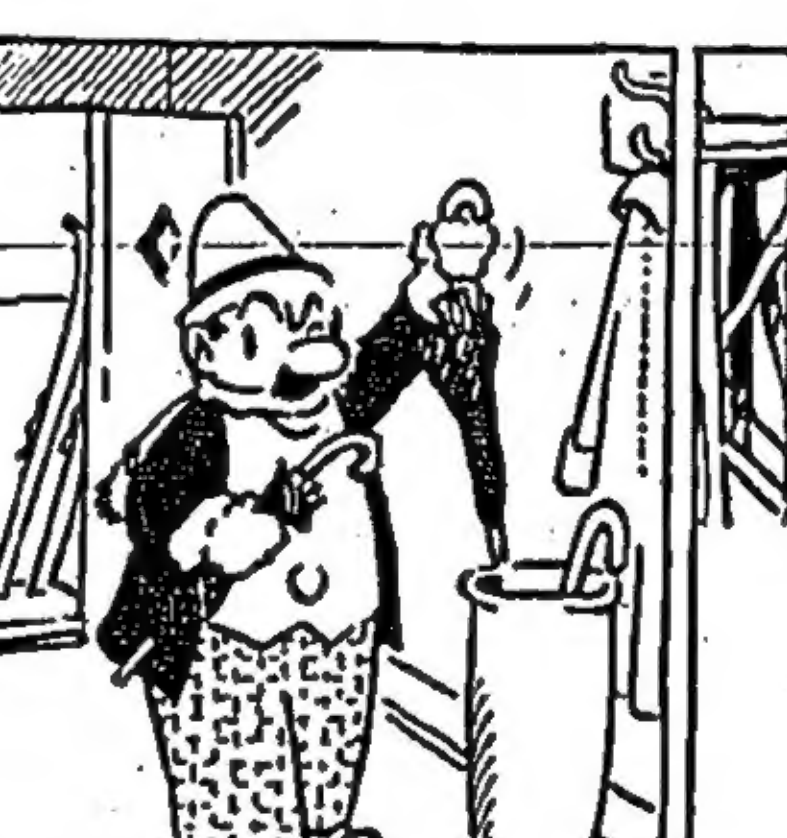
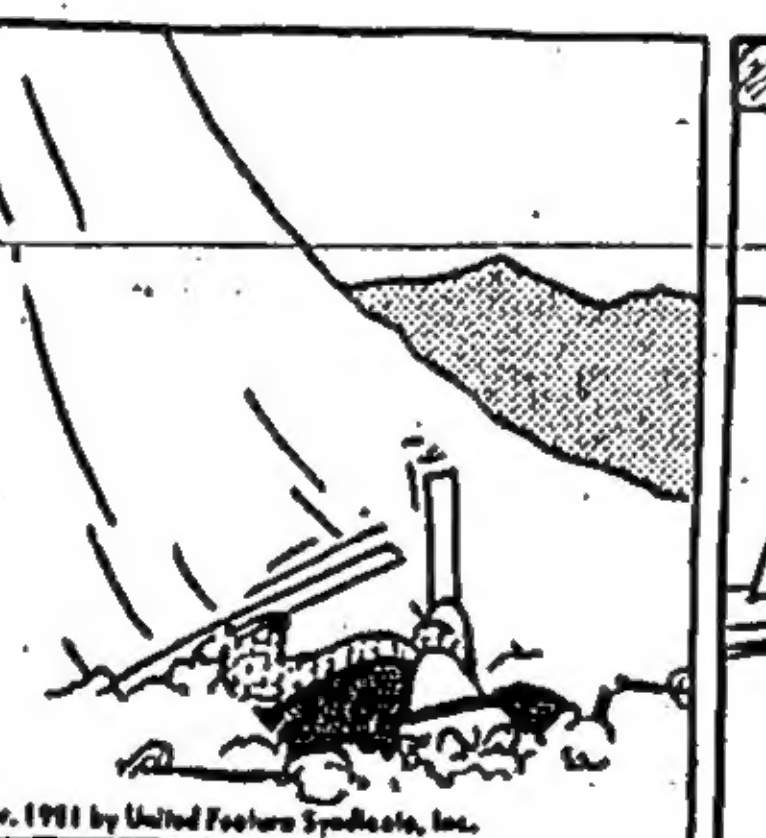
The note declared that the case was being investigated and that decisions would be made according to the findings.—Reuter.

Admiral's New Post

Washington, Apr. 4. Rear Admiral George R. Henderson will be detached from duty as Commander of Fleet Air and Air Bases in Japan to take an announced sea command, the Navy said today. Admiral Henderson's successor in Japan was not announced.—Associated Press.

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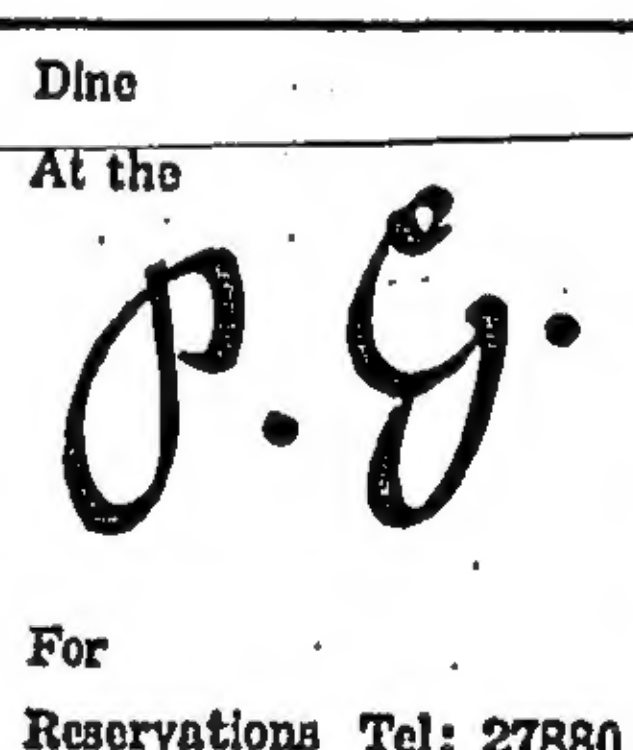


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Syrian Case Ridiculed

Lake Success, Apr. 4. Israel today reported that Syria's protest concerning evacuation of Arabs from the area of the Jordan marshes was without foundation either in fact or law.

Mr. Faris el Khoury, chief Syrian delegate, in a letter made public here, protested to the Security Council "against the evacuation by force on March 30 by the Israeli police of Arab inhabitants of a village of about 980 persons. The village of Baq Ara is situated within the demilitarised zone on the Western side of the Jordan River. It goes without saying such an action is flagrant violation of the armistice agreement, which stipulates that no hindrance to restoration of normal civilian life by the inhabitants could be allowed in the demilitarised zone."

An Israeli spokesman said the area concerned was being reclaimed in a marsh drainage project and Mr. el Khoury's communication has no foundation either in fact or in law.—United Press.

Nationalist On Asian Tour

Singapore, Apr. 4. Habib Bir Guiba, leader of the Tunisian Nationalist Neo-Destour Party, who is on a tour of Asian countries to win support for the independence movement in the French protectorate, arrived here by air today.

He was accompanied by the Party's deputy leader, Mr. Salim, who said that Pandit Nehru, the Indian Premier, whom they met in New Delhi, had shown great sympathy for the cause.

Mr. Salim added that the Tunisian National Party had been declared illegal but the French authorities had not prevented mass meetings there. They had even appointed a member of the Party, Salah Ben Youssef, as Minister of Justice.—Reuter.

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NEW PRICE
RULES FOR
TEXTILES

Washington, Apr. 4.

A pricing regulation for wool yarn and textiles, expected to clear the way for manufacture of civilian wool clothing next Autumn, is due to be issued this week by the Office of Price Stabilization, probably on Thursday.

The order, expected to be effective next Monday, was signed by Vice Director Michael V. Disalle. It will cover yarns and fabrics containing 25 per cent or more wool.

One OPS official said the order is designed to clear the way for manufacturers of wool cloth and yarn to fulfil contract commitments. Many mills, he said, have shipped little or no wool cloth for civilians since the general price freeze for military use because, under an exemption from the general price freeze order, the Defense Department has been able to buy fabrics at higher prices than manufacturers of suits and wool clothing for civilians. — Associated Press.

Control Of
US Lead

Washington, Apr. 4.

The Government today put controls on lead to meet the 140,000-ton drop in 1951 supplies.

The control order, issued by the National Production Authority, limits manufacturers of lead products to their consumption rate of the first half of 1950. It also directs manufacturers to accept up to 20 per cent of their available supply in defence orders.

Lead is used largely in the manufacture of pipes and other construction supplies.

The estimated production of domestic lead mines is expected to increase by 10,000 tons in 1951 and scrap recovery is likely to be equal to that of 1950, the N.P.A. said, but imports will probably drop about 140,000 tons. — United Press.

Assets To Be
Transferred

Salon, Apr. 4.

The French authorities in Indo-China have authorized the transfer from Indo-China to India of assets left by a certain number of Indian nationals who have died there in the last few years, according to an official Indo-China source today.

The source said that the French authorities had agreed to the transfer as a result of long negotiations by India's Consul-General in Saigon, Mr. F. M. de Mello.

Australian Pact
With Germany

Torquay, Apr. 4.

Australia has for the first time made a bilateral trade agreement with Germany during the International Tariff talks here, sources close to the Conference revealed today.

It covered reciprocal tariff concessions on an important range of commodities. Australia also made a number of smaller agreements with Austria, Denmark, Sweden, Turkey and the Philippines. Details would not be announced until the agreements had been ratified by the governments concerned. These were expected around the end of the month. — Reuters.

BIG SLUMP
IN PRICE
OF COTTON

New York, Apr. 4.

Cotton market bears today forced prices down as much as \$5 a bale in the widest break for any session in four months.

October contract hit a low of 39.13 cents. Nearby May delivery held at 45.39, but a number of mills withdrew their buying orders at the limit price. May contract at New Orleans closed 10 points under the ceiling.

The market opened unchanged to off 11 points. Thereafter it worked lower with little interruption, hitting lows in mid-afternoon with maximum losses of 70 to 100 points. Buying in anticipation of a technical rally steadied the market finally but the list closed with losses of 45 to 87 points.

Prices closed today as follows:

Spot 46.00 nominal
May 45.39 bid
July 44.24
October 39.13
December 38.65-38.67
March (1952) 38.45
May 38.23-38.25
July 37.87 nominal
United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Closing rate April 4.
Spot 44.91
May 43.70 bid
July 44.18 bid
October 39.18-39.20
December 38.45
March (1952) 38.42 bid
May 38.04
July —
United Press.

U.S. Buys In
Germany

Frankfurt, Apr. 4.

American officials disclosed today that the United States has started buying critical materials in Western Germany for its strategic stockpiling.

The U.S. has also started pumping money into the development of new mines and factories to increase West Germany's output of strategic materials needed for Western defence, the officials said.

Ten thousand tons of German fluor spar, which is used in steel, aluminium and glass production, and 4,500 tons of lead have already moved to the United States.

American officials said they plan future purchases of German zinc, graphite, aluminium, lead and fluor spar for the nation's strategic stockpile.

They stressed that these purchases depend, however, on adequate supplies being available to the German economy. — Associated Press.

TIN MARKET
HAS A QUIET
SESSION

London, Apr. 4.

The tin market was quiet today. Turnover was 40 tons, including 5 tons for spot. Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers 1,245
Spot tin, sellers 1,230
Business done at 1,220
Three-month tin, buyers 1,195
Three-month tin, sellers 1,200
Business done at 1,210
Settlement 1,250
United Press.

NEW YORK METALS

New York, Apr. 4.

Prices in the metal market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:

Tin, Grade A (99.80 per cent or higher) New York per lb. 144.50 cents
Leds, common, New York per lb. 19.20 cents
Zinc, prime western, New York per lb. 20.00 nominal cents
Copper, electrolytic, export F.O.B. New York per lb. 39.00 bid cents.
United Press.

NEW YORK BANK
QUOTATIONS

New York, Apr. 4.

Closing bank quotations:
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First Nat'l City 2 1/4% bid
Goldman Sachs 2 1/4% bid
Morgan Guaranty 2 1/4% bid
New York City 2 1/4% bid
Trust Co. of Conn. 2 1/4% bid
United Press.

Rubber Licence Order
Was Surprise For
The Trade In London

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Apr. 4.

The Board of Trade's announcement that from next Monday licences will be required for export of raw rubber products for all destinations other than the Commonwealth and the United States came as a complete surprise to rubber trade circles in London.

It is assumed that the purpose of the order is not so much to prevent certain countries—notably Russia and China—obtaining any rubber at all as to keep a check on the quantities that go to these destinations.

The amount of rubber bought by Russia and China in recent months indicates these countries are probably accumulating strategic stockpiles and the purpose of the new order is to prevent rubber going from Britain to Russian or Chinese stockpiles.

If the Government is now attempting to impose control of shipments of rubber to possibly "unfriendly" destinations, measures it has taken are considered insufficient by themselves to make any great difference to the situation.

The Communist countries purchase most of their requirements in the East, mainly in Singapore, and it is therefore believed a similar order affecting exports from this market may be made soon.

Export controls over raw rubber may also extend to Hongkong which is an important link in trade between Malaya and China.

But even if measures are taken to control the exports of rubber to Communist countries from all Empire sources, there will still be a large quantity of rubber available to Russia and China from non-Empire sources. Attempts to bring these other countries into the international scheme for allocation of rubber supplies will be resumed at Rome next Monday.

A REPEAT?

The Rome talks will presumably start where the recent London conference left off. Producing countries—chiefly Malaya and Indonesia—will be asked to take part in some form of control over natural rubber aimed at preventing stockpiling in Communist countries.

Malaya will be represented by independent delegates. Sir John Hay will represent the Rubber Growers' Association, Mr. Holiday the Singapore Rubber Trade and Mr. Khoo Tek Ee the Malayan smallholders. This will remove one of the main objections put forward by the rubber producing industry to the recent London conference which was confined to diplomats and civil servants.

The Rome conference will probably resolve itself into a "repeat performance" of the recent Washington conference on tin with America, as the largest consumer, demanding international allocation of supplies and producers seeking guarantees against a slump in price which would inevitably accompany any lessening of the international political tension or an end of the American stockpiling.

Grain Prices
In Chicago

Chicago, Apr. 4.

Prices of grain futures closed here today as follows:

Wheat—price 24 1/4%
Spot 24 1/4%
May 24 1/4%
July 24 1/4%
September 24 1/4%
December 24 1/4%
Corn
Spot 1 1/4%
May 1 1/4%
July 1 1/4%
September 1 1/4%
December 1 1/4%
Soybeans
Spot 15 1/4%
May 15 1/4%
July 15 1/4%
September 15 1/4%
December 15 1/4%
New York flour—per 200 lb. sack \$13.25—United Press.

London Rubber
Futures

London, Apr. 4.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:

Latex in cents per lb. 6 1/4%
May 6 1/4%
July 6 1/4%
September 6 1/4%
October/December 6 1/4%
United Press.

Copro Offers

New York, Apr. 4.

Copro was offered at \$200 per ton, C.I.F. the Pacific Coast. The asking price for cocoon oil was again posted at 20 cents per pound, F.O.B. mills. — United Press.

Wool Price
Drops In
Australia

Melbourne, Apr. 4.

Comeback and Crossbred fleeces dropped a further 5 per cent at the Melbourne wool sales today, but Merino wool showed a rallying tendency.

The Crossbred section of the market has now dropped from 15 to 30 per cent from opening rates of this series.

New buyers in the market, believed to be operating on United Kingdom account, gave a lift to the Merino section.

The best price was 277 pence per pound for Merino fleece.

A Washington announcement that the United States Defence Department will use less wool, coupled with the general uncertainty about the international situation, is said to be responsible for the unsatisfactory prices realised at today's wool sales at Capetown, South Africa.

Some lines dropped in price as much as 20 per cent and for many lots put up there was only one bid. — Associated Press.

Pepper Markets

London, Apr. 4.

The pepper market was quiet. Singapore reported black pepper at 12/3d. and white at 19/2d., both on a shipping weight basis.

The New York market ruled quiet and firmer in tone, with prices generally unchanged.

Spot was indicated at around \$1.62, aloft at \$1.61, April shipment at \$1.61 and May, June and July at 1.60 a pound, all on an ex-dock basis.

A leading import firm reduced its estimate on the Indian crop by 10 per cent to 18,000 tons. — United Press.

Newsprint Shortage:
Allocation System
To Be Considered

Washington, Apr. 4.

An official closely associated with the International Materials Conference said today that the Committee on Wood Pulp and Newsprint will consider not only allocations among democratic nations but also ways to increase supplies.

The Conference agreed to the formation of this committee and invitations have been sent out to principal producing and consuming countries.

The names of the countries to participate will not be made public until all acceptances have been received. These are not expected for another 10 days.

Invitations have been sent to the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Canada, Australia, Sweden and probably Brazil.

Like other commodity committees dealing with scarce raw materials under the IMC, the pulp and newsprint committee will have power only to make recommendations to the participating governments on measures it believes should be undertaken. These measures would be designed to increase supplies and provide a system of allocations which would assure supplies of newsprint to the anti-Communist Press.

It would then be up to the individual participating governments to implement the recommendations of the committee. One of the first jobs of the committee will be to gather statistics and other information on world production, distribution and consumption of newsprint.

The official said it would decide "how to cut the pie." The committee would also delve into possible ways to increase the production of wood pulp and newsprint, and to secure more adequate system of conservation in wood pulp production and processing.

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Britain's Supplies To Egypt

Foreign Secretary Cross-Examined

London, Apr. 4. Britain has suspended shipments to Egypt of important modern military equipment but there was no complete blockade on all items, it was officially disclosed on Wednesday.

Questioners pressed the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, and the Defence Minister, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, in the House of Commons on the sale of ships and equipment for King Farouk's navy.

Mr. Shinwell said: "Supply to Egypt of important items of equipment of modern types has been suspended."

Mr. Winston Churchill's son-in-law Captain Christopher Soames had inquired about such shipments and only outstanding commitments. Mr. Shinwell said that since November 1950 the only equipment supplied had been "normal maintenance requirements and spare parts."

Captain Soames wanted to know if the destroyer Cottesmore came under the heading of important modern types of equipment, but Mr. Shinwell flatly refused to comply with his general statement.

ROYAL NAVY FIRST
Earlier, Mr. Morrison had assured the House that Egypt came second to the Royal Navy in the allocation of warships and equipment.

Miss Irene Ward (Conservative) charged the Egyptian government acquired more British motor torpedo boats than the Royal Navy has in commission, and asked Mr. Morrison to ensure that no further British naval vessels or equipment should be made available to Egypt.

Mr. Morrison said she was misinformed, and when another Member entered the discussion, the Foreign Secretary somewhat testily asked: "Do the honourable Members wish to apply a complete blockade to Egypt?"

When other Members said that they wanted to be sure that the British navy came first and Egypt second, Mr. Morrison retorted: "That is precisely what I have said we are doing."

Mr. Morrison said Egypt had bought its motor boats directly from shipyards in Britain since 1946, but that Egypt had considerably fewer than the Royal Navy. He said: "In any case no naval vessels or equipment have recently been sold to Egypt unless to meet the requirements of the Royal Navy and of the North Atlantic treaty nations and other allies. The same criteria would be applied generally in regard to any ships or equipment for the Egyptian navy."—United Press.

Postpones A State Visit

Teheran, Apr. 4. The Shah of Persia postponed his State visit to Jordan on April 8 owing to "sudden appendix trouble."

A Persian Court communiqué issued tonight emphasized the Shah's regret at being unable to return a visit that King Abdullah made to Persia in the summer of 1949.

As arrangements were being completed in Amman for the Shah's visit, a special Persian envoy was on his way to Jordan to express the Shah's regrets to King Abdullah.

The communiqué stressed the "friendly relations" between the two countries. Jordan's Minister in Teheran was consulted before the decision to postpone the trip was taken and telephone talks between the two rulers resulted in complete agreement on the issues involved, it was stated.

King Abdullah is reported to have cabled the Shah wishing him a speedy recovery.—Reuter.

Proposes Duel With Dog Whips

Nuremberg, Apr. 4.

Guenther Just, a German refugee living at Nuremberg, has challenged the chairman of the Bavarian Party, Dr. Josef Baumgartner, to a duel with "dog whips" for saying that the biggest cheats came to Bavaria from "somewhere else."

"Dueling is forbidden in Germany, but legal exports doubt whether a duel with 'dog whips' would come under the duelling law."

Dr. Baumgartner, declining the challenge, said that Just, who based it on a "completely wrong assumption" and would "himself be a cheat," if he maintained his allegations.—Reuter.

Refugees Seek Sanctuary



Across the tight-guarded frontier dividing Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, refugees who have abandoned their homes and families, pushed through matted thickets, waded swamps and risked sentinels' bullets, before turning themselves over to Tito's guards. This picture shows a Bulgarian farmer and former member of the Communist Party who fled from the village of Vriovo because he said he refused to "terrorize" his fellow farmers into joining collective farms and meeting compulsory food deliveries. As a result, he said, he feared for his own life.—AP Picture.

No Strings Attached To American Grant Of Grain To India

Washington, Apr. 4.

The United States Administration has rejected proposals for making a grant of 2,000,000 tons of American food grains to India conditional on India sending her strategic raw materials to America, a State Department memorandum disclosed today.

The memorandum, intended as a background statement circulated to all members of Congress, urged Congress to approve the Grains Bill without delay.

Saying that the attitude of the Indian Government and people towards the United States was "fundamentally friendly," the State Department denied statements that India had cut her export of manganese to the United States. India had exported three-quarters of her total manganese exports to the United States last year.

The statement also pointed out that the ban on exports of radioactive monazite was instituted by the then independent Government of Travancore in 1946.

The State Department declared, "Any amendment to the Grain Bill which would interfere with India's independent control over its own resources by compelling the Indian Government to lift its embargo as a precondition to delivery of food would not only result in the lasting hatred of India but might even result in the suffering which would follow."

"Should this occur it would strike a blow to the United States prestige which would suffer in India and all Asia," the State Department added.

EASILY SPARED

It said that the way to obtain a lifting of the Indian embargo was not through an attempt at compulsion but through negotiation in a friendly atmosphere of the kind which could be created by the grant of food.

The State Department reiterated that the United States could well spare the 2,000,000 tons of grain without jeopardizing its own needs.

Shipment of the 2,000,000 tons to India would leave the United States with about 10,000,000 tons, "much more than was needed for a safe carry-over."

Referring to India's financial difficulties the State Department said that the country was desperately in need of economic development not to improve the pitiful standards of living of her people but merely to keep them from deteriorating.

If her present six-year development programme were to succeed it would require her total available foreign exchange assets, it said.

"It is absolutely essential to India's development that its ability to obtain further external loans should not be reduced," the State Department said.

"India has no funds and no possibility of raising funds which will not be desperately needed for her vital development programme and which could be spared to pay a debt for food."

"India is already exporting all the manganese, mica, burlap and other major export commodities which her mines and industries can produce without great additional outlays of capital."

"If India is compelled to go further in debt for the food it needs now, its ability to carry out its minimum development plan will be seriously endangered," the statement said.

It said that despite political differences between the United States and India over the situation in the Far East relations between the two countries were "fundamentally good and friendly."

It expressed the importance to the United States of a "stable, friendly India" and said that it was in America's national interest to make the grain available.

"There is an additional intangible but highly important reason why a grant would be far more valuable to the United States than its cost," it added.

"This is the first official request India has made to the United States for help. The United States of the United States will be watched with the utmost interest by all the people of Asia who have seen the response which the United States has made in recent years to the nations of Europe for economic and military aid."

HUMANITARIAN
"If the United States responds to India's request by making food available only on a loan basis it would inevitably be elided both by Soviet propagandists and by influence in India seeking to pull India away from the free nations towards the Soviet Union and Red China as demonstrating a lack of true friendship for India and the needs of her people."

"A gift of food in this situation would not only be a great humanitarian act, it would also be a dramatic act of the greatest importance and benefit to the United States in our relations with India. It returns to friendship and confidence would far exceed its cost."

The State Department said "it is untrue" that India's food shortage and inability to pay for its import need of 6,000,000 tons of food grains was a result of the former trade embargo between her and Pakistan.—Reuter.

Tito Govt Changes

Belgrade, Apr. 4.

Changes in Marshal Tito's Government are imminent, political observers thought today. Belgrade Radio announced that the Yugoslav Government met today to discuss its own reorganization. No details were given.—Reuter.

Judgment Reserved In Kennedy-Skipton's Full Court Appeal

The appeal by G. S. Kennedy-Skipton, a former Hongkong Government servant, against the judgment of Mr Justice Gould, who held that the statement-of-claim-in-his-original-action-against-the-Government-revealed no cause of action, should be struck out and that the action should be dismissed, was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, at the Supreme Court this morning when the Acting-Solicitor-General, Mr A. Hooton, concluded his submissions.

Appellant was represented by Mr Charles E. Loschy, KC, and Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Messrs C. A. S. Russ and Stewart. Respondent is the Attorney-General for whom Mr Hooton appeared.

Mr Hooton submitted that one could not get a declaration as to status because status was not one of the matters which was a proper subject in the petition of right. It was not merely a question of monetary rights.

Dealing with the question raised by Mr Loschy yesterday as to the Crown being estopped, Mr Hooton said that the regulations gave the Governor authority which created a right and no right was merely created by an estoppel.

Mr Justice Gould, he said, had decided in his judgment that the plaintiff could not sue for salary and therefore the plaintiff had no legal right.

Mr Hooton said that the only claim which was right was that the plaintiff was a civil servant which, in Counsel's submission, in this case was not a claim of right as against the Crown because one could not enforce it against the Crown.

FAULTY PHRASEOLOGY
Replying for the appellant, Mr Bernacchi said that it now appeared in the light of some of the cases quoted that the phraseology of the declaration claim was somewhat faulty. He dealt with procedural effect and said that a declaration could be obtained by petition without asking for any further relief.

Mr Bernacchi said that the point was whether basically this was a claim on a contract with the Crown and therefore one which could generally form a basis of a petition of right. Counsel submitted that the case could not and never had been put as high as a contract of service between the Crown and a Crown servant, as being the basis of a petition of right.

Mr Bernacchi added that it was a peculiar thing in Hongkong in that under the local law people had no right to petition but they had the peculiar procedure whereby one could sue the Attorney-General.

After referring to further authorities, Mr Bernacchi said it must be abundantly clear to the Court that the Crown was not a civil servant. It was appellant's case that there was no authority in the Governor when he sent the letter to Kennedy-Skipton to dismiss him retrospectively.

"Your Lordships will not find a single case where the Court has said that a claim based on the dismissal of a civil servant cannot be maintained," Counsel declared.

"What the Courts have said is this: the action being a claim for damages for wrongful dismissal cannot be maintained, because there is no right in a servant to be paid by the Crown, and no obligation on the Crown to pay a servant. A civil servant is a servant of the Crown's pleasure. But I would submit that there has never been a case which has come before the Courts before—there probably has not been such a case which has arisen before—in which a civil servant says 'I was a civil servant for six years and the Crown says I was not a civil servant because the Governor purported to dismiss me retrospectively for those six years.'"

LEGAL RIGHT ISSUE
Quoting from a further authority, Mr Bernacchi said it stated there must be a legal right against the Crown and not a mere moral claim to some sort of justice. The Court might give the Crown a right to a legal right to say he was a civil servant or he had not. As the authority stated, maybe it was true a contract between a servant of the Crown was a peculiar contract, with certain provisions implied by virtue of public policy, and in effect gave the servant no right to claim payment of salary for damages, but did that mean he could not go to the Courts and say 'I was under contract of service with you during those years and whether by virtue of that contract I am entitled to claim anything or not?' said Counsel.

In his final submissions, Mr Bernacchi said that there could

be no question but that appellant had a right to say to the Crown 'I was a civil servant.' This was essentially a case that should go to trial and should not be struck out and he submitted that for the reasons he had advanced the appeal should succeed.

Their Lordships reserved judgment.

Ching Ming Festival Celebrated

Today is "Ching Ming," a traditional Chinese festival on which occasion pilgrimages are made to the graves of their ancestors by the Chinese community in the Colony.

Thousands of people thronged the various bus termini, the ferry wharves and the railway stations to get to the cemeteries this morning. Bus lines which lead to the cemeteries were packed to capacity. Long queues of passengers were observed awaiting their turn to board buses at Tsimshatsui, Yaumatei and Jordan Road.

To cope with the situation, additional services were maintained by the Ferry Companies, Bus Companies and the Kowloon and Canton Railway. Many more buses were put on the road and special train services between Kowloon Station and Fanling were operated.

Joe-paper shops did a roaring business. Stall holders in the markets also did thriving business as meat, fowl and vegetables were offered as sacrifices.

The Hongkong Gold and Silver Exchange declared a holiday. Several other organizations and shops were also closed to enable their staff to visit the graves of their ancestors.

Extra Police have been assigned to the various cemeteries in the Colony to maintain order.

Stowaway From Macao

Cheung Chi-chong, 30, wanted to come to Hongkong from Macao, but had no money. He boarded the Lung Men and informed a Chinese member of the crew that he could not afford the passage.

When the ship arrived here yesterday, Cheung was arrested for being a stowaway and this morning he was given two weeks by Mr Winter at Kowloon and ordered to be expelled.

Cheung told the Court that when he told the crew member he had no money, the latter gave no indication as to whether he could or could not take the trip. He said it was his first time in Hongkong and he knew no one here. All he had was \$9,000 in Chinese currency, worth HK\$42.25.

Higher Prices For Produce

Melbourne, Apr. 4.

The Commerce Minister, Mr John McEwen, announced tonight that Britain had agreed to pay higher prices for Australian butter, cheese and eggs.

The new agreement ended a deadlock over prices which had begun last August.

Mr McEwen said that the new prices would be retrospective to July 1, of last year.

He said that there was a seven and a half per cent. increase in the price of chocolate butter and cheese, a 25 per cent. increase in the price of shell eggs and an 18 per cent. increase in the price of egg produce.

Unofficial estimates put the new price of chocolate butter at seven and a half per cent. over former prices.—Reuter.

NEW DIRECTIVE TO MacA

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employment of Manchurian-based aviation which has been supplied by Russia.—United Press.

"TERRIBLE DANGER"

Washington, Apr. 4. Speaker Sam Rayburn told Representatives on Wednesday not only Chinese troops were among the Red forces being massed in Manchuria, "and I think we stand in the face of a terrible danger that this may be the beginning of World War III."

Solemn-faced, Mr Rayburn took the House floor during the debate on the conscription bill and told members: "Since the massing of troops in Manchuria—and not all of them Communist Chinese by any great extent—it is my belief that we are in greater danger of expanded war today than at any time since the close of the war in 1945."

He said he might give more information to members of the House later. Mr Rayburn and other top legislative leaders who went to the White House were understood to have got a secret briefing, as they frequently do at such meetings, from military men. Presumably Mr Rayburn based his remarks on what he was told at this briefing.

The Senate Democratic leader, Mr Ernest McFarland, who also attended the White House meeting, refused to say whether Mr Rayburn's statement was based on information given there, but he did tell reporters:

"I know what Rayburn knows. I know the situation is very serious, and I personally feel what we say and do here may mean the balance between war and peace. We have to be very careful."

Mr Rayburn did not elaborate and told reporters he would stand on his remarks on the House floor. He would not say whom he meant by non-Chinese Communists and his listeners assumed he meant the Russians.

—United Press.

UNLICENSED LORRY DRIVER

A lorry owner, Wong Poon 41, was fined \$100 by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning for driving a motor lorry without a licence.

Ng Cheong, 52, licensed driver, was fined \$10 for permitting an unlicensed driver to drive.

It was said that the vehicle was carrying a full load of scrap iron at the time when a Police officer stopped it and found defendant had no licence.

Ng said he was only engaged to drive the lorry for the day and he turned the car over to the owner at the end of the day not knowing that Wong was an unlicensed driver.

HE REPEATED OFFENCES

A naval patrol boat stopped a motor fishing junk, Sam Hing, near Peking Island on Tuesday and found three tins of diesel oil in excess of the amount allowed and seven drums of gasoline, each containing 44 gallons.

The junk master, Kwok Shu-sang, 30, was charged at Kowloon this morning with attempting to export prohibited goods and conveying dangerous goods. He was fined a total of \$700 by Mr Winter who also ordered the confiscation of the oil and gasoline.

Inspector Dowling disclosed that the accused was fined \$200 for similar offences in January.

Motor Cyclist Fined \$100

So Yiu, 22, unemployed, of 20, Sai Yeung Choi Street, was fined \$100 by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning for driving a motor cycle without a licence on March 30.

Defendant met with an accident when he skidded while turning into Nelson Street and sustained minor injuries. Enquiries later revealed that he had no licence to drive.

Late Korea News

Aussies Spearhead Attack

With The British Brigade,

Korea, Apr. 5.

Australian troops spearheaded the Commonwealth Brigade's advance over some of the most rugged fighting country in the world into North Korea yesterday.

Attacking behind an intense artillery barrage laid down by the New Zealanders, Australian, Argyl and Middlesex forces pushed off south of the 38th Parallel at dawn. They ran in to stiff Chinese Communist resistance immediately.

For the first time in many weeks they found barbed wire barricades around which the Chinese Communists had gone anti-personnel mines and booby traps. As advance troops cut through the wire the Chinese Communists fired from far-off ridges overlooking them.

After the Australians had taken their first hill for the day, they sent out a strong patrol which crossed into North Korea—the first British troops to enter North Korea since Lieutenant-General Matthew Ridgway's G-6 offensive started in January.

The Brigade's new commander, Colonel William "Billie" Burke, said, "I had hopes that the Aussies could be the first across the line."

The British commander added, as New Zealand shells whizzed overhead and machine-guns rattled in nearby hills, "It's beautiful Spring weather isn't it?"

The Chinese Communists put down a heavy stream of accurate mortar bombs on the Argyl and Middlesex attackers as they moved toward the boundary.—Reuter.

Check Your Knowledge

Answers

1. A ridge of mountains, 2. Of Philip, a city of Macedonia, 3. In the Atlantic, 60 miles off the northwest coast of Africa. 4. One of the seven hills of Rome, a name used for the Italian Government. 5. He had no middle name. 6. A pit scarpes from his nose; a cat scarpes chiefly on the soles of its feet and a dog from its tongue.

Intelligence Test SOLUTION

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Mail Notices

Registered articles and parcels must close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail. When mail closes on Sundays or before 10 a.m. on any other day, registered articles and parcels must close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Post Office one hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Canada: U.S.A., 5 p.m.; via C.P.A.L. Spain, Malaysia, Indonesia, 5 p.m.; via C.P.A.L.

Philippines, 5 p.m.; via P.A.L. Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 5 p.m.; via Air France.

By Surface

Canada (Parcels only), 5 p.m.; via s/s Caribou.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Formosa, 10 a.m.; via C.A.T. Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa and Europe, 5 p.m.; via P.O.A.C.

Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m.; via B.O.A.C.

B.N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.; via Q.E.B.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m.; via P.A.L.

Formosa, 9 a.m.; via H.K. Airways. By Surface

Macao, 8 a.m., 4.30 p.m.; via s/s Yu Men.

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., 4.30 p.m.; train via Canton.

Philippines, 5 p.m.; via P.O.A.C. Japan, 10 a.m.; via Fairbank.

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